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Report on rats from city wharf and Chinese, Japanese, and Latin quarters examined during the week ended August 8, 1903.

The following is received, under date of August 10, from Assistant Surgeon Currie, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue: Number of rats caught alive, 138; number found dead, 4; number showing lesions of phosphorus poisoning, 0; number showing pest infection, 0.

Disinfection on training ship Alert at Angel Island, Cal., on account of measles at station.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cummings reports, August 6, as follows: At the request of the commanding officer U. S. training ship *Alert*, 124 apprentices detailed for that ship were bathed and their effects disinfected. This was requested because cases of measles had appeared at the training station from which the boys were received and the vessel was about to proceed to sea.

Conditions at Del Rio, Tex.—Laborers imported from Mexico.

The following is received from Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume at Eagle Pass, under date of August 5: On the 31st ultimo I went to Spofford, Tex. (about 35 miles from here), in order to see what class of people were being taken to Del Rio, Tex. At Del Rio a large corporation is putting in an irrigation plant and converting that whole country (some 90,000 acres of land) into a farming district. Laborers are being imported from all over this country and Mexico. I understand that some two hundred Mexicans have been brought in from Mexico, besides numerous negroes and "Cagians" from Louisiana. I know nothing of how the large camps of laborers are run; whether they are kept in a sanitary condition. Should smallpox be introduced into Del Rio now its ravages would be terrible. There is at present no immigrant inspector or medical examiner at Del Rio, and Mexicans can enter there at will, with practically no fear of molestation.

Inspection service, Mexican border.

El Paso, Tex.—Acting Assistant Surgeon Alexander reports, August 8, 1903, as follows:

Week ended August 8, 1903. Inspection Mexican Central passengers, 242; inspection Rio Grande and Pacific passengers, 22; inspection Mexican immigrants, 83; inspection (special) 4 passengers three days out from San Luis Potosi, Mexico; inspection (special) 2 passengers seven days out from Tampico, Mexico; disinfection soiled linen imported for laundry, 516 pieces; disinfection of baggage of 4